region and assessed State-wise potential of the hydro potential as given below:

State	No. of small projects	Hydro power potential (MW)	No. Of major projects	Hydro power potential (MW)	Total potential (MW)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Arunachal	219	975	120	41,710	42,685
Assam	27	134	8	362	' 496
Manipur	11	48	9	1,983	2,031
Meghalaya	32	151	39	2,372	2,523
Mizoram	28	138	8	661	799
Nagaland	30	143	20	1,299	1,442
Tripura	5	22	-	-	22
Sikkim	31	191	10	1,342	1,533
TOTAL:	*383	*802	214	49.729	51,531

*Data taken from National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan, Government of India.

(d) Rangit HEP (60 MW) in Sikkim and Ranganadi HEP (405 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh have already been commissioned by NHPC and NEEPCO respectively after these were handed over to them by the Brahmaputra Board. In addition, Brahmaputra Board has also handed over Middle Dihang (Siang) Dam Project (1000 MW) and lower Subansiri Dam Project (2000 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh to NHPC, Kameng HEP (600 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh andTipaimukh Hydro-Electric (Multipurpose) Project (1500 MW) in Manipur to NEEPCO, and Bairabi Dam Project (75 MW) in Mizoram to the Government of Mizoram for implementation. These projects are in various stages of development/implementation. In addition, the Brahmaputra Board is presently investigating 10 Nos. of projects.

National Resource Centre on drinking water and sanitation

1621. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has mooted a proposal for setting up of a national resource centre on drinking water and sanitation;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether India is thinking of utilising the technical expertise for this from any other country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is proposed to set up a National Resource Centre on drinking water and sanitation by drawing upon the expertise available within the country. Outsourcing of professional internationally will be done on specific subjects. The centre would serve as reference point and repository of expertise on water supply and sanitation.

Request of Andhra Pradesh regarding Food for Work Programme

1622. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Centre to permit it to draw rice under Sampooma Grameen Rozgar Yojana Scheme (Food for Work) till September, 2002; and

(b) if so, the Centre's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh during August, 2002 for extension of time limit for lifting of foodgrains allocated under the Special Component of Sampooran Grameen Rozgar Yojana till September, 2002.This Ministry accordingly allowed extension of the validity period for lifting of rice upto 30th September, 2002.